

House Resolution 1926

By: Representatives Geisinger of the 48th, Setzler of the 35th, Lindsey of the 54th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and Willard of the 49th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of and expressing regret at the passing of James Roger Westlake, Sr.; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 25, 2008, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
4 distinguished citizens with the passing of James Roger Westlake, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, this long-time Georgia resident was recognized by the citizens of his
6 community for the vital role he played in leadership and for his deep personal commitment
7 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his
10 many years of superlative service as president of the night school student body at Georgia
11 State University, president of the Georgia State Alumni Association, president and owner of
12 Southern Agencies, Inc., a member of the Georgia General Assembly as a representative
13 from DeKalb County, Regional Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection
14 Agency, Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, and Deputy
15 Administrator of the United States Economic Development Administration; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Westlake attended the University of Missouri, and upon graduation, he
17 enlisted in the United States Navy and went on to attend Georgia State University, graduating
18 Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1958, followed
19 by a Master of Business Administration degree in 1960; and

20 WHEREAS, he was president general of the National Society of the Sons of the American
21 Revolution in 1989-1990; he served two terms as president general of the National Society
22 of Washington Family Decedents; he was a member of the old Guard of the Gate City Guard
23 of Atlanta; he served for many years as the chairman of the board of the Atlanta University

1 of Biblical Studies in Decatur, Georgia; he was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian
2 Church, in Covington, Georgia; and he served as a ruling elder for over 40 years; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his wife of 61 years, Joyce Rosemary Covey, and
4 a devoted father to his four children, nine grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, this singular gentleman was a person of magnanimous strengths with an
6 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

7 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body recognize and honor the life
8 of this Georgian.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
11 James Roger Westlake, Sr., and recognize his lifetime of efficient, effective, unselfish, and
12 dedicated service.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of James Roger
15 Westlake, Sr.